



Rehabilitation

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Rehabilitative Programs

Today!



Academic Programs

CDCR is committed to preparing inmates for a successful reintegration into their communities. Each CDCR institution has a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited school that offers adult basic education and literacy classes to inmates. With nearly 500 teachers statewide, CDCR is able to deliver academic education to almost 38,000 inmates within its 33 institutions. Both classroom and one-on-one learning is available for inmates ranging from those with basic literacy needs or wishing to participate in college.

General Education classes are offered 5 days a week, 3 hours per day, for Adult Basic Education, General Education Development (GED) certificates, or high school diploma courses.

Voluntary Education Programs (VEP) offer individual designed academic programming with the assistance of credentialed teachers and inmate tutors.

- Over 18,000 inmates participate in VEP
- 3,700 inmates participate in college programs through VEP

Exceptional Accomplishments in 2012:

- 1,339 inmates completed a college course
- 34 inmates earned AA degrees
- 3 inmates earned a BA degree

Partnering on Education Programs for Inmates

The Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) and the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) are partners in providing education services to inmates within the institutions. These programs are designed to educate inmates prior to release, as well as reduce recidivism and victimization.

Career Technical Education Programs

In addition to the academic education programs at each institution, CDCR offers career technical education programs (CTE). Statewide, 225 credentialed instructors deliver 16 vocational training programs to nearly 6,500 offenders within its 33 institutions. Classes are offered in a laboratory environment which facilitates both theory and hands-on learning. Programs are performance based and aligned to industry recognized certifications. Most are designed to be completed within a one-year period.

CTE programs provide training in various fields such as: construction, HVAC, masonry, automotive repair, carpentry, cosmetology, office technologies, and computer literacy. Each year, over 2,000 inmates receive an industry certification in these trades. CDCR is working to develop systems to link inmates who receive trade certifications with potential employers in the community. In addition, CDCR will begin adding Green Technology into the Building Trades and Construction curricula in fiscal year 2013/14. Green Technology is an additional skill set requiring foundational training within the individual industries.

Education Improvements

Since July 2012 over 7000 new students were enrolled in academic classes!





CSP Sacramento Holds First Graduation in Two Years!

California State Prison, Sacramento (SAC) held its first graduation ceremony in two years on February 6th. Graduations scheduled last year in both Facility B and Facility C were canceled due to unfortunate events causing lockdowns. 60 graduates completed programs in the following areas:

- Office Services & Related Technology Program
- High School Diploma
- General Education Development (GED) certificate
- Associate of Arts (AA) Degree from Coastline Community College

Graduates were able to invite outside guests to share in this special day. After the presentation of diplomas and commemorative certificates, refreshments were served to the graduates and their visitors. SAC uses this ceremony to encourage graduates to continue their education by participating in the college program, and to encourage other inmates to earn a vocational certificate, complete their High School Diploma, or pass the GED. Congratulations to all that participated!

Did you know that 3,500 inmates earn a GED each year?

The Rehabilitation Professional of the Year 2012! Clay Dynes

Welding Instructor, Avenal State Prison

Clay Dynes is the first recipient of the Rehabilitation Professional of the Year! Clay has been a Welding Instructor at Avenal State Prison since 2006. He started at CCI Tehachapi in 1989 as a Welding Instructor and has worked at several other institutions throughout his career. His professional status includes being a master teacher for both the American Welding Society (AWS) and the National Center for



Research (NCCER). Clay Dynes is more than just a professional. He goes the extra mile in teaching his students and preparing them to be successful on the outside. He works with the students to ensure that they have the skills and certifications most likely to help them find employment. Another example of Clay's dedication is how he brought the real world to his classroom. He looked at the skills needed on the job and designed a tower to Replicate the associated environments. Students now have the chance to weld in real work environments. Clay's teaching methods produce students who are confident and have the skills needed to be successful on the job. Congratulations to Clay for his recognition as the Rehabilitation Professional of the Year.

California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF) Partners with Feather River College

CDCR has partnered with Feather River College to provide services to 40 of the level IV inmates located at California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF). The college will meet with these Level IV inmates once a month over a two-year period to monitor and assist their educational needs as they work towards obtaining their Associate of Arts (AA) degree. In addition, Voluntary Education Program teachers will meet with the inmates on a weekly basis to assist them with their assignments and help keep them motivated and on track. The program is organized so that once the first groups of inmates complete their AA degree; they will act as tutors to the next group of students entering the program.

CDCR also partners with a variety of other colleges including Palo Verde Community College, Coastline Community College, Patton Community College, and Lassen Community College. CDCR is continually looking for new partnerships and innovative ways to offer education opportunities to inmates.